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Wright Will Serve As Advisor to CIA

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NORFOLK—Adm. Jerauld Wright, former NATO Atlantic Commander, has been recalled to active duty to serve on the Board of National Estimates for the Central Intelligence Agency.

Wright's orders were effective Wednesday. He will replace retired Adm. Roscoe E. Sherman on the 12-man CIA advisory group, a Navy spokesman in Washington said.

"I'm delighted," Wright told The Virginian-Pilot by telephone Wednesday. "After all, I've been doing this sort of work for the past 25 years."

Wright retired from active service last March 1, about 46 years after he entered the Naval Academy. He had completed an unprecedented six years as NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic, while holding the dual U.S. Atlantic and U.S. Atlantic Fleet command posts.

The Board of National Estimates serves as a high-level advisory group for Allen Dulles, CIA director. Its members are military and civilian experts who evaluate intelligence estimates of nations of the world, including the United States.

For some time before his retirement last year there was speculation that Wright would soon leave retirement for some government post. It was thought likely that he would get an ambassadorial appointment, but Wright discounted these reports as groundless.

Since his retirement Wright has traveled extensively, making a long trip to the Far East. He and his family returned to Washington in September.



Adm. Wright